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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

LAFFEND ET AL.

CASE NO.: CR-9715-B

APPLICATION NO.: UNKNOWN

GROUP ART UNIT:

FILED: CONCURRENTLY HERREWITH

EXAMINER: UNKNOWN

FOR: BIOCONVERSION OF A FERMENTABLE CARBON
SOURCE TO 1,3-PROPANEDIOL BY A SINGLE
MICROORGANISM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Before examination of the above-referenced application, please amend
the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, after the title and before the first sentence add:

--This application was filed in the PCT as PCT/96/06705 on 10 May
1996 designating the United States of America, among other countries, and
is a continuation-in-part application of US Application No. 08/440,293
filed 12 May 1995, now pending.--

REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the amendments above be entered
before examination of the application.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of the above-referenced
application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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